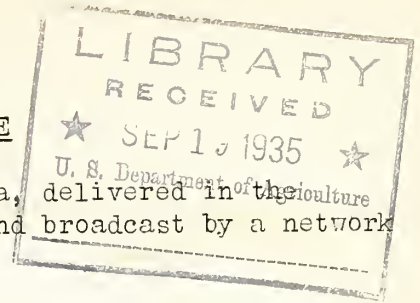


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LIVESTOCK CLUB WORK PUT ME IN COLLEGE

A radio talk by Russell Lehe, Remington Indiana, delivered in the National 4-H Club Radio Program, September 7, 1935, and broadcast by a network of 57 associate NBC radio stations.



Hello fellow 4-H club folks and all you mothers and dads.

Well summer is about over, soon it will be time to start back to school. If you are in high school it means going back to the old gang you've had so much fun with all down through the years. If you have just graduated from high school, you are confronted with the problem of getting a job and going to work; or finishing your education at some college. It is the latter to which you should give very serious consideration.

We hear many saying now "suppose we did look forward to going to college - old man hard times has changed things considerably." I realize full well that dad hasn't made a great deal off the farm the past few years. And mother's garden has done more than its share to balance the family budget. But even so, the fact remains that education is of paramount importance to any young person; and it can be had by anyone willing to work for it.

This brings us right down to "brass tacks" - just how can it be done. My best answer is to tell you of my own experience and cite various instances that help solve many of the problems.

About ten years ago one winter evening dad was sitting by the fire side reading the farm paper. In the course of his reading he noticed that some 4-H club boy had won high honors at a stock show on some pigs. He called my attention to it. Of course, I immediately found out more about 4-H club work, and sure enough next year I was in the pig club. I enjoyed it a lot even though I was very much frightened when I drove my barrow into the show ring. I could hardly believe my own ears when the judge called out my name for third place.

That was how I got started. From that year on I have become more familiar with the various activities which 4-H club work offers. Through my ten years experience in 4-H club work I have participated in every recognized livestock club with the exception of two - the colt and lamb club.

Doubtless you wonder what all this has to do with going to college. In order to accomplish a thing you have to want it more than anything else. To me 4-H club work was a "red hot" primer - it stimulated a desire in me to own and know more about good livestock.

Under the supervision of this organization most club members become acquainted with various college people. Many of them become ideals in one way or another.

Dad, I'll bet you're saying - "ideals do not fatten the pocket-book" - true enough. But just a moment, would you agree that over a period of years a boy who efficiently handles a few livestock projects is pretty sure of building up a small bank account. However, in my own particular case I never had

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very much cash on hand; for I have always preferred investing my money in more livestock.

When you are in 4-H club work you are in a small business. Unknowingly you are establishing in the minds of those persons "backing" you or observing you the potential abilities that you have as a business individual. Before I was 21 years of age I borrowed money from a bank for more than one hundred dollars without my father's signature.

Maybe it won't be possible for you to get enough money together all at one time for your school expense. But here's a tip - if you have shown your ability in 4-H club work chances are you have pretty good possibilities of finding employment at the college to which you go.

I have completed three years of college during which I have been employed at seven different kinds of work. It is a good idea to get experience along as many lines of occupation as possible.

We have another very worth while goal to work for - every year numerous scholarships are awarded for outstanding accomplishments in 4-H club work. The amounts range all the way from fifty to five hundred dollars. Possibly I got more than my share of scholarships, but just to demonstrate what is possible my total scholarship earnings were \$1100.00

These points which I have mentioned have formed the foundation upon which I have been able to build my education. I have tried to show in a general way how 4-H livestock projects help make it possible to get a college education.

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